

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE: MIDAMERICAN ENERGY COMPANY	DOCKET NO. RPU-91-5
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**ORDER REQUIRING ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND
SCHEDULING INFORMAL MEETING**

(Issued June 28, 2000)

On May 16, 2000, MidAmerican Energy Company (MidAmerican) filed an "Application For Approval Of Plan For Disposition Of Manufactured Gas Insurance Recovery." In the application, MidAmerican stated that it has escrow accounts in recovered insurance funds related to Former Manufactured Gas Plants (FMGP). MidAmerican now proposes to utilize the retained funds to accelerate the remediation of FMGP sites. MidAmerican filed its plan as Exhibit 1 to the application.

On May 30, 2000, the Consumer Advocate Division of the Department of Justice (Consumer Advocate) filed a response to MidAmerican's application in which Consumer Advocate objects to the proposed use of the funds for accelerated remediation. Consumer Advocate proposes that the funds be refunded to ratepayers using a 90/10 sharing arrangement similar to that approved in Docket No. RFU-94-2.

On June 13, 2000, MidAmerican filed a response to Consumer Advocate's objections. In addition, MidAmerican requested that the Board schedule an informal meeting with the parties of this docket to allow MidAmerican to discuss the proposed

retention of the funds and the proposed acceleration of remediation of the FMGP sites.

The Board finds that further discussion of this issue would be beneficial. It will therefore schedule an informal meeting between the Board and the parties to this docket. Additionally, the Board finds that the proposed accelerated remediation plan filed by MidAmerican does not contain sufficient detail for a full consideration of its merits. To allow for full consideration and to allow the parties to be prepared for the informal discussion, MidAmerican will be ordered to file detailed information concerning its proposed accelerated remediation plan, including the amount of monies that have been recovered and estimates of the amounts still to be recovered, the sites and timetable for current remediation and proposed accelerated remediation, and a full discussion of the financial and environmental benefits from the proposed accelerated remediation.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. MidAmerican Energy Company shall file, on or before July 7, 2000, detailed information concerning its proposed accelerated remediation plan for Former Manufactured Gas Plant sites. The filing shall include the amount of monies that have been recovered and estimates of the amounts still to be recovered, the sites and timetable for current remediation and proposed accelerated remediation, and a full discussion of the financial and environmental benefits from the proposed accelerated remediation.

2. An informal meeting is scheduled between the Board and the parties in this docket at 2 p.m. July 20, 2000, in Board conference room 3.

UTILITIES BOARD

/s/ Allan T. Thoms

/s/ Susan J. Frye

ATTEST:

/s/ Raymond K. Vawter, Jr.
Executive Secretary

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 28th day of June, 2000.